

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 3, 4, and 60 are currently amended. Claims 22-40 are cancelled. Claims 3, 4, and 60 are amended for clarity. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-21 and 41-62 will be pending in the present application.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank Examiner Jiang for indicating that claims 1-21 and 41-62 are allowed. The objection to claims 22-40 is obviated by amendment.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such allowance is earnestly solicited.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submit concurrently herewith an IDS to make of record in the present application information considered during the prosecution of Japanese application nos. 2002-42476 and 2002-175356. Applicants request the Office return a signed and dated copy of the PTO-1449 with the next communication from the Office.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

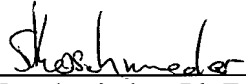
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